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SUBJECT: JAPANESE REPORTS OF PHILIPPINE SUGAR

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTEL ON ATTITUDES JAPANESE TRADING COMPANIES ABOUT PHILIPPINE SUGAR AND PROSPECTS FOR EXPANDED IMPORTS. WE ARE NOT DETERRED, HOWEVER, FROM VIEWS EXPRESSED OUR 5951, BECAUSE THE PRESSURES FROM JAPAN, AS REFLECTED BY VARIOUS QUARTERS OF SUGAR TRADE, ARE MOUNTING TO PAY DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS ON SUGAR CENTRALS.

2. RECENT HISTORY OF US-PHILIPPINE SUGAR TRADE LENDS NO REPEAT NO SUPPORT TO DECLINE IN US PURCHASES OF SUGAR FROM PHILIPPINES. CURRENT SUGAR ACT AS REPORTED OUT OF HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE PROVIDES FOR A BASE QUOTA FOR THE PHILIPPINES OF 1,126,000 TONS AS WELL AS A SHARE IN THE CUBAN RESERVE OF 202,000 TONS PLUS SHORTFALL ENTITLEMENTS. OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS ALLOCATION, IF APPROVED BY THE CONGRESS, IS THAT NO CHANGE IN IT COULD OCCUR EXCEPT BY FUTURE LEGISLATION.

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3. RE COMMENT THAT GOJ CONSIDERING PHILIPPINE SUGAR RELATIVELY EXPENSIVE, WE WOULD DOUBT THAT IN PRESENT MARKET THIS SIGNIFICANT CONSIDERATION. LEAST EFFICIENT PHILIPPINE CENTRALS APPEAR TO BREAK EVEN IN RANGE OF FIVE U.S. CENTS PER POUND, AND WITH FREIGHT DIFFERENTIALS INVOLVED ON SHIPMENTS EX CUBA AND SOUTH AFRICA, WE DOUBT THAT COMPETITIVE FACTORS ALL THAT PERSUASIVE, EXCEPT ON SIDE OF INCREASED INTEREST IN PHILIPPINE SUGAR.

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